Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: flooding in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy in 2014

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PURPOSE: to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund (Floods in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy)

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020, allows for the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, within an annual ceiling of EUR 500 million (2011 prices), over and above the relevant headings of the financial framework.

The conditions of eligibility to the Fund are detailed in the Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

On the basis of applications from Romania, Bulgaria and Italy, the calculation of the aid from the Fund, based on the estimate of total damage caused is as follows:

- Direct damage **Romania**: EUR 167.927 million (spring floods);
- Direct damage **Romania**: EUR 171.911 million (summer floods);
- Direct damage **Bulgaria**: EUR 79.344 million (floods);
- Direct damage **Italy**: EUR 2 241 052 million (floods);
- **Aid proposed**: **Romania** (spring floods): EUR 4 198 175; **Romania** (summer floods): EUR 4 297 775; **Bulgaria**: EUR 1 983 600; **Italy**: EUR 56 026 300.

Total: EUR 66 505 850.

In the light of the examination of the applications and considering the maximum possible contribution from the Fund as well as the scope for reallocating appropriations, the Commission proposes to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund for a total amount of **EUR 66 505 850**.

The Commission will present a draft amending budget (DAB) in order to enter in the 2015 budget the specific commitment and payment appropriations. In the event of disagreement, a trilogue procedure will be initiated in accordance with Point 11 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management.